

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2815–S2850

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 927–942, S. Res. 175–178, and S. Con. Res. 16. **Pages S2839–40**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 16, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha. **Page S2850**

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 178, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2011, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”. **Page S2850**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 112th Congress: Senator Ayotte, Senator Chambliss, Senator Rubio, and Senator Wicker. **Page S2850**

Allen Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Arenda L. Wright Allen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia; that there be one hour for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S2832**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas and 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 68), Edward Milton Chen, of California, to be United States

District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Pages S2824–32, S2850**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S2838, S2850**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—68) **Page S2832**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2850.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Coast Guard, focusing on an examination of operational and recapitalization requirements, after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Joseph R. DeTrani, Director, National

Counterproliferation Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Edward B. Held, Director, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Michael McKeon, Chief Scientist, Anne M. Herrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and John Gerrard, Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Material Protection and Cooperation, all of the Department of Energy; and Brian Keith Lessenberry, Acting National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction, Kenneth A. Meyers III, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Kenneth B. Handelman, Acting Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and Jed Royal, Director, Cooperative Threat Reduction Policy, all of the Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL CRISIS INQUIRY COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission's final report, after receiving testimony from Phil Angelides, Chairman, Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission.

TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program, focusing on if internal control weaknesses need to be corrected to help achieve security objectives, after receiving testimony from Representative Mica; John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and Rear Admiral Kevin S. Cook, Director, Prevention Policy, United States Coast Guard, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

UPSTREAM OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new developments in upstream oil and gas technologies, after receiving testimony from Kevin R. Banks, Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil and Gas Director, and Lois N. Epstein, Wilderness Society, both of Anchorage; Thomas Davis, Colorado School of Mines, Golden; Andy Hendricks, Schlumberger, Sugarland, Texas; and L. Stephen Melzer, Melzer Consulting, Midland, Texas.

DEFICIT REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on Social Security, after receiving testimony from

James Roosevelt, Jr., Tufts Associated Health Plans, Inc., Watertown, Massachusetts; and Charles P. Blahous, Hoover Institution, Nancy J. Altman, Social Security Works, and Alex M. Brill, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), all of Washington, D.C.

SUCCESSFUL 2014 AFGHANISTAN TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine steps needed for a successful 2014 transition in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from David J. Kilcullen, Caerus Associates, Seth G. Jones, RAND Corporation, and Stephen Biddle, Council on Foreign Relations, all of Washington, D.C.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia with the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a joint hearing to examine a roadmap for a more efficient and accountable Federal government, focusing on implementing the Government Performance and Results (GPRA) Modernization Act, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Zients, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Robert Shea, Grant Thornton LLP, Alexandria, Virginia; Paul L. Posner, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; and Jonathan D. Breul, IBM Center for The Business of Government, Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING MOBILE PRIVACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law concluded a hearing to examine protecting mobile privacy, focusing on smartphones, tablets, cell phones and privacy, after receiving testimony from Jessica Rich, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Jason Weinstein, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Justin Brookman, Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT), Alan Davidson, Google Inc., Jonathan Zuck, The Association for Competitive Technology, and Ashkan Soltani, all of Washington, D.C.; and Guy Tribble, Apple Inc., Cupertino, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1801–1824; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57; and H. Res. 255–256, 258–262 were introduced. **Pages H3159–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3161–62**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 257, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1231) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–74).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Graves (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3117**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3118**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jane Wood, Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Rockville, Maryland. **Page H3118**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Nevada, Mr. Heller, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432. **Page H3118**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H3119**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Assessing Progress in Haiti Act: H.R. 1016, amended, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010. **Page H3126**

Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to fa-

ilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 11th. **Pages H3120–26 H3131–47**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. **Page H3131**

Rejected:

Polis amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to require safety review of permits to take into consideration all applicable safety, environmental and fisheries laws (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 299); **Pages H3132–34, H3141**

Garamendi amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to implement the Commission's recommendation by requiring that in reviewing a drilling permit, the Secretary consult with an independent drilling safety organization not affiliated with the oil industry trade association (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 300); **Pages H3134–35, H3141–42**

Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to implement basic offshore drilling safety reforms recommended by the independent BP spill commission. The Commission found that the root causes of the BP spill were "systematic" and could have been prevented. The amendment would set specific new minimum standards for blow-out preventers, cementing and well design (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 301); and **Pages H3135–37, H3142–43**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that sought to amend the bill to emphasize quality of court decisions instead of speed of court decisions. **Pages H3145–46**

Proceedings Postponed:

Hanabusa amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–73) that seeks to state that the Secretary shall not issue an offshore drilling permit